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## The Council of Upper Classmen

A Revival of Interest Needed

**T**HE Council of Upper Classmen is the highest and most select organization of the student body of Howard University. As its name implies, it includes in its membership only upper classmen, *i. e.*, the Juniors and Seniors of the departments leading to degrees requiring four years of work, and the Middlers and Seniors of the departments leading to degrees requiring three years of work.

The aim of the Council is to bring together the upper classmen of the various degree departments for the promotion of an inter-departmental spirit, social and generally helpful in its nature; and further for the maintenance of unity in the institution, composed of eight or nine different schools all leading to degrees, and each school more or less having its own distinct interest and departmental spirit.

In the meeting of the Council, Juniors and Seniors are brought together and made to know each other in such a way as they never could become acquainted otherwise. Here they have the chance to exchange ideas each with the other and to rub heads in heated discussions and thus to absorb each some of the spirit of the other. In this way, men about to go out into the world get a chance to know strong, select, prepared, ready men, of whom the members of the Council of Upper Classmen are representatives of the first water. The expression of the social development of the organization is given in the two annual holiday func-

tions—the informal reception during the Christmas holidays and the formal Prom Easter week.

These social occasions, brilliant as they are, represent but a minor part of the function of the Council. The true work of the body is to stand for upper classmanship. To promote scholarship, the Council offers three prizes: (1) A prize of \$5.00 to the student of the Freshman class of the School of Law who makes the best argument at the annual open session of the Blackstone Club. (2) A prize of \$5.00 to a student of the Junior or Senior class of the School of Liberal Arts for excellence in English. (3) A gold medal worth not less than \$5.00 to that student of the Senior Class of the School of Law who, by vote of the Faculty, shows the greatest proficiency in Constitutional Law. Aside from this, the Council keeps in touch with the Alumni of the University and by this means keeps informed on all the various fields, to which it sends its members on the completion of their courses. Another attempt is now being made to secure for the Council a voice in student discipline.

These things are mentioned merely to show the importance of the Council of Upper Classmen, to show what a privilege and an honor it is to be a part of this organization and just how necessary it is that it should receive the hearty support of its membership.

For the last two years especially the interest in the Council has not been what it should be. This body to carry out its worthy aims and ideals must

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## Mr. Mercer Visits the University

Out of His Wealth of Experience Urges College Young Men to Live Better Lives

**M**R. E. C. Mercer, himself a college graduate from the University of Virginia, one well acquainted with college life and its allurements, now a secretary of the Y. M. C. A., gave strong lectures to the young men of the University Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week.

Mr. Mercer has had a very interesting and singular career, experiencing life in a palatial residence in Georgia, playing in the White House during the time of Chester Arthur, spending \$250,000 on a college education, tasting of life in the gutter, and in the bread-line in New York, having been disinherited because of his reckless life, now by the power of christianity living the Christ life going through the colleges, advising young men to profit by his example, and embrace christianity early in life.

Mr. Mercer said that great and marvelous changes in the lives of university men have been wrought by the Y. M. C. A. He said that the nation might well look to the colleges for leaders, for never was there as little immorality in college as there is to-day. Of 10,000 names in "Who's Who", 50 per cent of them are College men. The College is cleaner to-day than it ever was before and the change is prevalent over the whole world.

He said that for every unclean man at Yale University there are 40 clean men. Of the graduating class there are 90 per cent who do not touch liquor and the same

may be said of Harvard University.

"What has brought about these changes?" he asked and proceeded to give the following reasons: The first cause of the change is the tightening of the courses in the curricula. The courses at the Universities have become so "tight" that the men who insist on drinking must fail. The second cause is the attitude of the business world to-day, who for the most part have put a ban on their employees' smoking cigarettes and drinking intoxicants.

Mr. Mercer cited the following cases to show that Christian influence was coming to play a large part in the life of the business world—Mr. Croll, the head of the Quaker Oats Co. has just invested \$250,000 in a Y. M. C. A. for his employees and has as the heads of his various departments superintendents of the Sunday Schools. Of ten advertisements for help in a newspaper, six desired only Christians to apply. The Edison Company has spent 1,000,000 dollars for a club-house their men employees might have that recreation away from the evil influences of saloons. The Case Automobile Company will not employ men who drink.

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The revolution in the colleges has been equally as great and significant. In almost all of our large institutions where immorality was once supremely characteristic, christianity is now the most powerful influence and the Y. M. C. A. the greatest organization. Even the best athletes devote much of their time to Bible classes and religious instruction both in the institutions and social settlement work.

Mr. Mercer is not of the fanatic type who preaches that there is no place in the social scheme for the man who smokes or drinks in moderation, but he rather humanizes these men and shows them what power there is in christianity. While he visited the fraternity houses, here talking to their members and also the law school.

Howard University has rated him a student friend to the fellows.

### The Multiplicity of Student Organizations Scored

It is apparent to one who has been in Howard University for several years that not one of the student organizations is given the attendance and the support which it should have. If one visits the daily Chapel exercises and pays attention to the many notices read, the cause of this non-support, non-attendance is made plain. There are too many student organizations in the university.

Students attending any university feel, and should feel the duty and obligations to support and help maintain the important organizations of that university, but this support should not be extended at the expense of other parts of the student life. Students come to college primarily to study. This should not be overlooked, but students cannot prepare their lessons and do justice to the many societies and clubs in Howard. Many students in trying to do justice to

these organizations are neglecting their books; others in order to perform their first duty are allowing the clubs and societies to suffer. The societies and clubs are doing poor work.

Many of the smaller clubs have no excuse for their existence. The time and efforts spent on them should be concentrated on the larger and more important organizations. The returns would be much better. At present the results are not worthy of the student body here.

Something should be done to put a stop to the organizing of useless clubs and societies in the University and those useless ones in existence should be abolished, for they are taking the support from those which should have it. The students are losing time, and the students of Howard University have no time to lose.

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It has been quite encouraging to notice how assiduously the students have labored to put the courts in prime conditions since a lack of funds in the athletic treasury has made it utterly impossible to have this work done by hired labor.

Manager McLendon is anxious to see the lovers of the tennis sport organize themselves into a club for the promotion of the sport within the University, as it will be impossible to consider sending out teams this year to compete with outsiders. As an incentive to bring out the tennis experts and to make the keeping of the courts in order possible, the manager is desirous of seeing the Athletic Council or some

lover of this phase of athletics donate a cup for the ladies' singles and one for the men's singles.

It is hoped that when the Athletic Association gets on a better financial basis, it will begin sending out tennis teams to represent the University as well as those in base ball and foot ball. This young sport is gradually gaining ground in the University and under the efficient and capable management of men like the present manager, it can be made an important factor in student athletics.

## Baseball

Manager Lunsford feels that he has about developed a winning team. He has very much strengthened his last year's pitching staff—Lytle, Shaw's last year's slab man, Sykes, Jackson, Turner and Brice, our mainstay, are all pitching good ball. Out of the candidates for the position of backstop Westmoreland, Johnson and Cothran look very promising.

The infield will probably not be very much weakened by the loss Jones, Forbes and Wilson; as Captain Sykes makes a superb guard of the initial sack; Slaughter is cavorting around the difficult corner in big league style; Cox seems to be a fixture at short; and from among Oscar Johnson, Avery and other likely players, Captain Sykes ought to be able to find an A, number one second baseman. In event Captain Sykes goes to the outfield McRae has the first base cinched; if he shows up even as well as is expected, Captain Sykes is sure to take his regular position in the outfield, thus making the outfield stand as follows: Chandler, right field; Capt. Sykes, center field; McLendon, left field.

The outfield will have to hit at a rapid clip to counteract the loss of Oliver, Gray and Wilson of last year. As far as fielding is concerned, the pastures will be well taken care of.

Manager Lunsford with but five old men has the difficult task

of making an entirely new team out of youngsters to follow in the wake of a team that won eleven out of twelve games on the road. He has this advantage however of knowing the game from A to Z, and knows how to repair deficiencies. He has studied the game from his early boyhood days.

The schedule is being held up awaiting arrangements with Shaw. The management hopes to play two games with Lincoln in Baltimore this season.

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## EDITORIAL

¶ The hard days of student life are dawning upon us—the hot spring days. Now is the time each student has to put forth the best within him in order to maintain his standing.

¶ It is the duty of every alumnus to keep in touch with his institution. In going over the country it is not an uncommon thing to find an alumnus who has heard nothing of his school since he left it. There are various ways in which this relationship may

be kept up. The principal way, however, is by always subscribing for the university news organ. Every Howard graduate, who holds his institution dear, should show his attachment for his Alma Mater by being a regular paid up subscriber to the JOURNAL.

¶ The season for baseball is upon us. Last year our team had registered against it only one defeat on its southern trip. The men are out every day, going through good and consistent practice, in so far as the cool, and at times inclement weather will permit. Manager Lunsford and Captain Sykes are confident that with the addition of four or five new pitchers to their staff, Howard is going to sustain her reputation of last year. Every man who feels that he can play baseball, should go out and give the team the benefit of his service. The call for men should never have to sound the second time, but love for Alma Mater should lead one to respond without a call.

¶ Talks like those given by Mr. Mercer last week should put Howard men to thinking. Such a talk should lead them to ask what place Howard holds in this forward movement. The men who represent Howard on the various athletic teams should put the question to themselves as to whether they are in line with Harvard and Yale men on the score of drinking and smoking and of their activity in the religious life of the institution.

Howard is not so spiritual a university as she could be. But it is encouraging to note that in the past few years she has been making rapid strides towards the repairing of this fault. The intense interest manifested in Y. M. C. A. work, the institution of Bible classes and the increasing devotion to religious exercises of the university all indicate a reaching for more spirituality.

Immorality in the excessive degree to which it is practiced in

some of the large white institutions is not known in Howard, however. In the very nature of the case, it can be but little practiced in any of our colored institutions, which is a great advantage to Negro education and training. We should like to see our athletes and leaders in student activities generally more and more take their lead in the religious life also.

## Good Tidings from Sister Institution—Wilberforce University

A recent letter from Prof. Joiner brings the good tidings that owing to its elevation, Wilberforce did not suffer from the great Ohio flood. Teachers and students are safe, although some lost relatives and dear ones.

He says: "Our students worked like true soldiers for the relief of our Dayton neighbors, collecting and sending \$135 and a wagon load of clothing and cooked provisions."

Prof. Joiner is serving on the Relief Committee with the Mayor of Xenia, Ohio.

The fifth lecture of the series to the theological students on the literature of the Bible was delivered by President Newman Thursday afternoon. His subject was: "Historical Literature."

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## The Junior Classes of College Departments at Y. M. C. A.

 On last Sunday the Junior classes of the College of Arts and Sciences and Teachers College rendered the program at the Y. M. C. A. President B. L. Waits blazed the way with a brief talk and several other Juniors made five minute speeches. Mr. Jacob Jones sang with characteristic ease and expression, "There is a Mother always waiting for You at Home Sweet Home." Mr. Otto Bohannon, recognized in the city as a superb basso, surprised his classmates and won significant praise from the audience in his rendition of "When Gath'ring Clouds," arranged by Parks.

The main feature of the program, however, was furnished by Mr. S. A. Allen, the "Junior Orator" and President of the College Club of the N. A. A. C. P., who

indeed did credit to himself and reflected honor upon his class. Mr. Allen spoke upon the "Value of Altruism,"—and well did he impress upon his fellow students the value of the Christ-like spirit, the helping of others. A part of the very eloquent conclusion of Mr. Allen's remarks went as follows: "Actuated by the altruistic spirit of Christ, the Juniors adopted for their motto: 'Not for ourselves alone, but for others'; for we believe we can only rise by raising others and that he who stoops over the downfallen stands erect. We believe that the fruits of a good life, a good deed, a good word can no more be lost than the leaves are lost, when they wither and disappear. We long for the time and confidently expect it, when man will come forth from his dismal den of selfishness and awaken to the truth that the interest of each individual and the interest of the community are identical."

### Miss MacLear Reads Paper Before the Alpha Phi

On Friday evening, April 4th, Miss Martha MacLear favored the Alpha Phi Literary Society with a paper on "The Woman's Movement." She treated her subject with force and clearness backed by cogent reasoning.

There was no approval of extreme views held by many in the ranks of the movement, nor did woman suffrage receive undue space; rather, light was thrown upon the broad, subtle social evolution which, though impeded at intervals, is destined to give women a larger sphere of work and to increase her efficiency as a social factor.

Miss MacLear is a strong and staunch advocate of the cause.

You help the Y. M. C. A. by attending the stereopticon lecture in Rankin Chapel, Monday, April 21, at eight P. M.

## "Dress, Essence of Moral Progress," Says Dr. Patten

Every Home Has a Heroine

"Every two story home has a heroine, whose struggle for better things is its uplift," was the opinion advanced by Simon N. Patten at the closing session of the American Academy of Political and Social Science last Saturday evening.

"Dressing is the essence of moral progress," continued Dr. Patten. "Modern dressing is yearly becoming characterized by greater simplicity, hence greater economy, and the moral progress thus indicated is as great as the economic. Most girls are a little taller, a little healthier and a little more courageous than their mothers. If they are not so, either the conditions or the mothers are to blame. Girls therefore furnish the best standard by which to test progress. By their persistent efforts, the standards of each generation are set. Large changes are man-made, but the slow evolution of families is due to each girl's determination to raise her family above its present level." Pennsylvanian.

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It is now possible for a student desiring to do so to take two years of actual work in the New Carnegie Library studying library methods, library economy, cataloguing and the like under efficient tutorship. The need of such a course was not really felt until the new library was secured and it was necessary to have efficient and trained assistants to do the increased work there. It is proper, too, that the youths of the race should get good training in this field as well as in others.

The School of Music has been under gradual development ever since Miss Childers brought her competent service to the work. There are now three instructors in this department, Miss Childers, Mr. R. W. Tibbs, and Professor Joseph Douglass. The Conservatory is yet young, but the students are gradually flocking into it. It is hoped that Howard will soon have a Conservatory that will rank with the best in the country. The heads of the school are the best in their respective fields that the Negro race can furnish; hence, with such representative talent as leaders it is evident that growth to national recognition is merely a matter of time.

In the leading Negro university of the world there should be found all the various opportunities for the propagation of the highest culture. We hope the time will come when a School of Journalism will be established here.

Stereopticon lecture, Monday, April 21, at Eight P. M. in Rankin Chapel by Prof. Turner.

## Colored Students attending Oberlin College

The number of students enrolled in Oberlin at the present time is about two thousand. Eighty of these are colored. There are four attending the Theological Seminary; twenty-five, the college; fifteen, the conservatory of music; and twenty-six, the academy. From present indications a large number will complete their courses this year. There will be at least ten graduates from the academy, four from college and one from the seminary.

Summers

Prof. Turner's lecture is Monday Evening, April 21, in Rankin Chapel, at eight P. M.

## Dean Moore to Speak in the South

Dr. L. B. Moore, Dean of the Teachers College, has accepted the invitation to deliver the Commencement address of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Tallahassee, Florida, May 29th.

## NOTICE!

The inter-collegiate debate between Wilberforce and Howard will be held in Rankin Memorial Chapel, Friday, April 25. Two strong teams will meet and the discussion promises to be heated.

The Council of Upper Classmen will nominate and elect officers for the next school year at its regular meeting next Tuesday evening. All members of the body are urgently requested to be present at the meeting.

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## The Outlook

Just where the negro will be in the social and political life of America at the close of the present democratic administration seems to be the great race enigma at the present time. The possibilities are, and, it may be said the pessimistic view is, that the fourteenth and fifteenth amendments will be repealed, a jim-crow law will prevail in the District of Columbia, the Negro will lose most of his office plums, and in fact this puzzle to America will be made a perfect nonentity.

This view is based on the fact, that a southern white man is head of the government and a very large quota of the legislative bodies of the nation is of southern allegiance. The Negro naturally expects the southern white to be his enemy and to do everything possible to keep him under.

Yet, it must be remembered that only so much can be done within the space of 4 years, and public opinion, the great barometer of American action, is not going to admit of any changes so radical as some proposed. Big changes are evolutionary. It took this country more than two hundred years to effect the emancipation of her negro slaves and four years of southern democratic rule can hardly undo practically what it took more than two hundred years to develop.

We have faith in President Wilson's sense of justice and believe that his extension of democratic ideals over all phases of governmental dealings will reach the Negro and his cause. We further believe that the democratic senators of the north and west will serve, to a great degree, as a check on the more radical southern element of democracy.

The democrats are on trial and to make good their cause, they cannot afford to outrage any part of the American people. The Negro is in America; he is here to stay, and must be ultimately dealt with as a vital part of the body

politic. Civic righteousness and civic equilibrium demands this. The interests of the negro in the United States are so interwoven with those of the whites that when you disturb the Negro's bearings you at the same time shake up considerably his brother's relations.

We must admit that the way, at present is a little bedimmed, but this is merely the strangeness of a new party in power. The democrats are human as well as the Republicans. H. C.

## Debating

The debating teams are about in trim for the inter-collegiate contests that will take place April 25th. The teams are Love, Pollard and Catalan to clash with Union University at Richmond. Rose, Moore and Turner to fight the issue out with Wilberforce in Rankin Chapel.

Both teams have been doing hard, telling work and are now confident that they will be in the pink of form to keep the laurels at Howard when it comes to a show down two weeks hence. Howard has a clean sheet in the forensic art for the last three years, winning in both of the triangular contests with Atlanta and Fisk. Last year, for some reason, the Kappa Sigma was not successful in landing a debate.

This is the first time Howard has been able to arrange a debate with Union since 1906, when Union carried away the palm. The team is going to Union determined to retrieve this lost honor.

The rabble is expected to be out in full force on the night of the 25th and infuse all the spirit possible into the speakers, and thus contribute their part toward the success of the debate.

## Correction

Page 2, column two, last week's issue, under Distribution of Graduates of the Teachers' College '12. Jean Hamilton, A. M., Teacher in the Lincoln High School, St. Louis, Mo. should read East St. Louis, Mo. instead of St. Louis, Mo.

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## Personals

"A little nonsense now and then is relished by the best of men."

Watch out Turner, "B" is awfully "receitful."

It is reported that "Horse" Hodge is to be married in June. — "Poor woman."

Uzziah Miner is a contributory factor to the "Times" on woman suffrage.

He that growleth about the food in the boarding hall, doesn't get much better at home.

Beamon to the students taking a library course: "Dis aint no social house show 'nuff."

I. R. Berry says he likes his girl because she has the "power, the power, the power."

The reason some fellows won't be do-right is because their girls don't "peck" them enough.

Henpeck Beamon, as per orders from Miss M. Y., is going to take dentistry in Chicago University next year.

Among the henpecks to be added to the old list are Purnell, F. A. Taylor, Catalan, Emory Smith and Spaulding.

Texas says he went to Baltimore last Sunday to get even with his girl for going to Philadelphia and not telling him about it.

## The Council of Upper Classmen

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have the support of the upper classmen of all degree departments. There must be more concerted action. There must be a revival of interest in the Council. Every upper classman should see to it that he contributes his quota to the advancement of this great organization.

Every member is expected to be out to the election, which takes place next Tuesday evening.

Hippo

## University Notices

### SUNDAY

Prayer Meeting, Clark Hall, 7 a. m.  
 Bible Classes, Main Building, 9 a. m.  
 Y. M. C. A., Library Hall, 3 p. m.  
 Vespers, Rankin Chapel, 4:30 p. m.  
 Y. W. C. A., Miner Hall, 6 p. m.

### MONDAY

Deutscher Verein, Library Hall, 8:00 p. m.  
 Athletic Association, Library Hall, 8:00 p. m.  
 Bible Class, Message of the Twelve Prophets, Mr. Walter Dyson, Room 25, Clark Hall, 8:00 p. m.

### TUESDAY

Prayer Meeting, Library Hall, 6:30 p. m.

### WEDNESDAY

Bible Class, The Life of Paul, Mr. E. P. Davis, Y. M. C. A. Room, Clark Hall, 8:00 p. m.

### THURSDAY

Bible Class, Outlines of Biblical Facts and History, Mr. E. M. Pollard, Room 103, Main Hall, 8:00 P. M.  
 Teachings of Jesus and His Apostles, Dr. L. B. Moore, Room 212, Main Hall, 8:00 P. M.  
 The Gospel in Athletic Phrases, Mr. Alonzo Smith, Y. M. C. A. Room, Clark Hall, 8:00 P. M.  
 Christian Evidences and Ethics, Dr. Pezavia O'Connell, 8:00 P. M.  
 Studies in the Life of Christ, Mr. G. W. Hines, Main Hall, 8:00 P. M.  
 Studies in Old Testament Characters, Mr. T. M. Gregory, Room 47, Clark Hall, 8:30 P. M.  
 The Social Teachings of Jesus, Dr. E. L. Parks, Library Hall, 8:30 P. M.

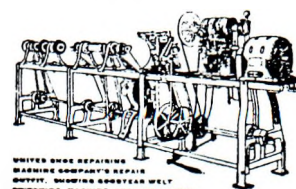
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Pestalozzi-Froebel, Library Hall, 3 p. m.  
 Alpha Phi, Library Hall, 8:00 p. m.  
 Eureka Society, Main Building, 8:00 p. m.  
 Moot Court, Law School, 8:30 p. m.

### SATURDAY

Kappa Sigma Debating Club, Library Hall, 8:15 p. m.  
 Blackstone Club, Law School, 8:30 p. m.  
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